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MEMORANDUM FOR: The Legislative Counsel

SUBJECT : Reciprocity Agreements

REFERENCE : Bureau of the Budget Memorandum dated 7 February 1962, on Draft Bill to amend Communications Act of 1934 (submitted by Department of State).

1. The available files on the general subject of reciprocity rights and the proposed amendment to Section 305 of the Communications Act of 1934 have been reviewed to determine whether or not the most recent proposal differs essentially from the earlier proposal of several years standing. It was found that with a minor exception, the proposed amendment to Section 305 of the Act as contained in the recent BOB memorandum dated 7 February 1962, is a verbatim copy of the earlier proposals, the last one of which was submitted in 1958. The minor exception is that the earlier proposal added a definition of "fixed services" as follows: "Fixed services means a service of radiocommunication between specified points."
2. It is recommended that the BOB be notified in a classified memorandum that this Agency has no objection to the proposed amendment and, in fact, supports the position taken by the Department of State, provided that the amendment can be enacted without a public debate which results in disclosures which would be harmful to this Agency.
3. Because the above is concerned with maintaining a previous policy position of the Agency, I have coordinated this memorandum with the DD/P. I recommend that it also be cleared with the DD/S and that Mr. McCone be apprised of this matter because the Agency position involved was established before the DCI took office.


Director of Communications

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